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FOLLOWING REPEAT BONN 5753 ACTION SECSTATE MAR 31, 1977

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS SECRETARY VANCE IN LONDON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MNUC, PFOR, GW
SUBJECT: FRG COMMENTS CONCERNING PRESIDENTIAL NUCLEAR
POLICY STATEMENT

REF: STATE 067973

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT (IN ENGLISH TRANSLATION PREPARED
BY FRG) OF FRG "NON-PAPER" CONTAINING FRG'S COMMENTS
CONCERNING FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL NUCLEAR POLICY
STATEMENT AS HANDED TO SECRETARY VANCE IN BONN MARCH 31
BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT.

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2. BEGIN TEXT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REGARDS THE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER ON ASPECTS OF THE FUTURE AMERICAN NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAMME WHICH AMBASSADOR STOESSEL HANDED TO THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR ON 29 MARCH 1977 AS A CONSTRUCTIVE NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO AN EFFECTIVE NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY.

3. PARTLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE DOCUMENT BY 1 APRIL, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL AT THE PRESENT STAGE CONCENTRATE ON SEVERAL POINTS WHICH IT FEELS ARE IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY AS THE CONSULTATIONS PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT WILL AFFORD ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION OF THE TOPICS RAISED IN THE MESSAGE.

4. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE INTENTION EXPRESSED IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE THAT THE AIM OF SECURING AN EFFECTIVE NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY SHOULD ALSO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION IN DECISIONS ON A NATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAMME.

5. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALLOWING FOR THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CONFIRMS ITS INTENTION ALSO FOR ITS PART TO CONTRIBUTE TO AN EFFECTIVE NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY.

6. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROCEEDS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL NOT TAKE ANY UNILATERAL DECISIONS OR MEASURES WHICH CAN AFFECT OTHER COUNTRIES BUT WILL FIRST AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS WHICH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RIGHTLY CONSIDERS NECESSARY.

7. THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY MUST BE BASED ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND THE VALID INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED ON THE
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BASIS OF AND IN FULL CONFORMITY WITH THE TREATY.

8. FAR-REACHING IMPORTANCE ATTACHES TO THE PROPOSAL THAT OTHER COUNTRIES SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO AN INTERNATIONAL MULTILATERAL CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK. AN EFFECTIVE NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY CANNOT BE SUCCESSFUL UNLESS IT IS BORNE BY A WORLD-WIDE CONSENSUS.

9. WE WELCOME IN PARTICULAR THE POINT MADE BY THE PRESIDENT THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEELS ITSELF PLEDGED TO STRENGTHEN THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONAL SAFE-GUARDS. WE SHARE THE VIEW THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREATY BY THE LARGEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF STATES. THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY AND THE FULL APPLICATION OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY RESTS ON TRUST IN THE PERMANENCY OF OBLIGATIONS WHICH HAVE OR MAY BE ENTERED INTO AND IN THE CREDIBILITY OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

10. THE NEW NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICY, SUCH AS THAT WHICH
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS DEFINING FOR ITSELF IN
THE SPHERE OF THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, MAY
FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS BE DIFFERENT FROM THAT WHICH
OTHER COUNTRIES, BECAUSE OF DIFFERENT CONDITIONS AND

CIRCUMSTANCES, MUST ADOPT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
AWARE OF THE BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY AND HAVING CARE-
FULLY WEIGHED ALL FACTORS, HAS OPTED FOR REPROCESSING.
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE UNLIMITED ACCESS TO
THE WORLD'S URANIUM DEPOSITS. IT IS DEPENDENT UPON THE
FULL UTILIZATION OF THE FUEL AT ITS DISPOSAL. THUS
REPROCESSING IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SAFE-GUARDING OF ITS
ENERGY SUPPLIES.

11. THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CAN AFFECT THE INTERESTS OF A LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES.
IN THE VIEW OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IT WOULD THEREFORE
BE APPROPRIATE TO GIVE ALL COUNTRIES WISHING TO TAKE
PART IN THE CONSULTATIONS PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA THE OPPORTUNITY OF DOING SO.

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